

MDPB Minutes April 19, 2001

Members present:, J. Burton, D. Ettinger, S. Diaz, K. Kendall, B. Callamore, C. St. Pierre Engels, P. Liebow, D. Stuchiner

MEMS Staff: J. Bradshaw

Regional Coordinators: J. LeBrun, Bill Zito, Rick Petrie, D. Carroll,

Guests: T. Judge, N. Dinerman, P. Marcolini, D. Palladino

Item	Discussion	Action	Follow-up
Previous minutes: 03/21/01	IV designation in minutes should not be changed to IV fluid throughout the book. This should only apply to the definition section.	Adopted	None.
<u>New Business</u> 1. Medical Protocol Reviews -Pediatric intubation statement. - Helmet removal protocol. -LOM LZ safety -Cspine protocol	-Ettinger and Burton are working on this language. Will be presented in May or June. -Petrie and Diaz presented an intended chart/diagram. Extensive discussion, particularly as to the intent of this new protocol:when to remove the helmet and factors to consider. A group to consider is the interface with Athletic trainers – an attempt will be made to discuss this with their group before final adoption. -LOM will develop this for an intended 2 pages max. Discussed with Dinerman, Judge, Marcolini. - Discussion included NEXUS study, intent of the protocol, current issues and QA. Issues exist with the current written protocol, also implementation. Training appears adequate. An approach may be to adopt an	-None - Petrie and Diaz will continue to develop. - None -The QA should be standardized on this issue throughout the regions. Plan to attach separate document sheet when this protocol is utilized. Burton will develop with Goth and others.	- Item for May agenda. - Item for May agenda. - Item for May agenda. - Item for May agenda.

<p>2. LMA/alternative airway device action</p> <p>3. Legislative update</p> <p>4. Interfacility Transfer</p> <p>5. At-home infusion of off protocol medications and continuance policy by ems personnel.</p> <p>6. Inclusion of interfacility meds in the maine EMS protocol book.</p>	<p>action similar to a chest pain checklist.</p> <p>Burton discussed a proposal to be implemented to address issues of alternative airway devices as well as the current Cricothyrotomy protocol use and outcomes. This will be undertaken in summer 2001 with a research fellow/student to be coordinated through the Maine Medical Center EM residency.</p> <p>Group reviewed the proposed legislative items and progress to date.</p> <p>Group discussion regarding the upcoming interfacility transfer program proposals. The drugs within the proposal will be addressed as separate proposals.</p> <p>Ems personnel occasionally encounter patients who have ongoing infusions of medications not included in the Maine ems protocols.</p> <p>Group voiced support for including the interfacility transfer med list in the Maine EMS protocol book. Many advantages were cited.</p>	<p>Burton will keep group apprised of this development and the project progress.</p> <p>Packets of the proposed additions and supporting documentation were distributed and circulated.</p> <p>Policy will be developed at a future meeting.</p> <p>None</p>	<p>None.</p> <p>None</p> <p>Item for May agenda.</p> <p>Item for June agenda.</p> <p>Interfacility drugs will be included in new book.</p>
<p><u>Other Business</u> 1.Decert/recert/cert</p>	<p>No changes to date. Laura Yustak Smith is continuing to develop issues with the regions for presentation at later date.</p>	<p>None.</p>	

Next meeting 5/16/2001 (0930 - 1230)			
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